

WE CLAIM:

- 1        1. A socket for a bipin lamp, the socket comprising:  
2              a relatively stationary body having an axis;  
3              a pair of contacts in the body symmetrically flanking  
4              the axis;  
5              a rotor formed with an axially open and generally  
6              diametrically extending slot and pivotal on the body about the axis  
7              between an outwardly open position and a crosswise position, pins  
8              of the lamp being insertable into the slot and being engageable  
9              with the contacts in the crosswise position; and  
10             a part having  
11              a disk fixed to the rotor and formed with a slot  
12              aligned axially with the rotor slot, and  
13              an arm fixed on and projecting radially from the  
14              disk past the lamp when the pins are in the  
15              slots, whereby a user can fit the lamp pins  
16              to the slots and pivot the rotor between the  
17              positions by means of the arm to engage the  
18              pins with the contacts.

1           2. The bipin lamp socket defined in claim 1 wherein  
2       the disk and rotor have axially interengaging complementary  
3       formations that couple them together for joint rotation about the  
4       axis.

1           3. The bipin lamp socket defined in claim 2 wherein  
2       the formations include a pair of outwardly open holes formed in  
3       the rotor and flanking the rotor slot and a pair of axially  
4       extending pins formed on the disk flanking the rotor disk and  
5       fittable in the rotor holes.

1           4. The bipin lamp socket defined in claim 3 wherein  
2       the rotor holes are aligned with the contacts, whereby a test  
3       probe can be inserted through the rotor holes.

1           5. The bipin lamp socket defined in claim 1 wherein  
2       the rotor has an axially outwardly directed face and the disk has  
3       an axially inwardly directed face.

1           6. The bipin lamp socket defined in claim 5 wherein  
2       the disk face is bonded to the rotor face.

1           7. The bipin lamp socket defined in claim 1, further  
2 comprising axially extending complementary formations on the  
3 faces rotationally fixing the disk to the rotor.

1           8. The bipin lamp socket defined in claim 1 wherein  
2 the arm projects radially past the socket body.